

***REMARKS***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-15 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 6 being the independent claims.

The claims have been amended to more particularly describe and distinctly claim the invention. Support for the subject matter of the amended claims is contained in the application as originally filed. For example, support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found at least at page 3, lines 22-25 and page 4, line 33 to page 5, line 2. Support for the amendment to claim 6 may be found at least at page 2, lines 19-25. Support for new claims 14 and 15 may be found at least at page 3, lines 23-25. Because the foregoing changes introduce no new matter, their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the *AMENDMENT AND REPLY* filed June 18, 2010, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Interview with Examiner***

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview of July 28, 2010. The Summary of the Interview mailed August 3, 2010 accurately reflects the substance of the interview. During the interview, the undersigned explained the difference between the claimed “activation period” and the “actually on” period that occurs during the “activation period.” Reference was made to originally-filed FIGS. 2 and 4 and Applicant’s disclosure in the Background. The Examiner suggested amending the claims to more clearly define the “activation period” and relation to application of power to the traffic signal.

***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)******Claims 1-5***

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's disclosure in view of International Pub. No. WO2001/020581 to Lock et al. ("Lock"). Dependent claims 4-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's disclosure in view of Lock and U.S. Patent No. 6,111,523 to Mee et al. ("Mee").

Pursuant to the telephonic interview of July 28, 2010, claim 1 has been amended to more particularly describe the invention and distinguish the "activation period" and the "actually on" period.

For at least the reasons mentioned in the *AMENDMENT AND REPLY* of June 18, 2010 ("Amendment and Reply"), Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's disclosure, alone or in combination with Lock and Mee, fails to disclose or suggest detecting during which part of the activation period a flashing red light is actually on as called for by claim 1. Applicant submits that claims 2-5, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons noted above.

With respect to claim 3, Applicant's disclosure, alone or in combination with Lock and Mee, fails to disclose or suggest a red light camera powered by an alternating current and generating a recording signal on the basis of a zero passage of the current as called for by the claim.

***Claims 6-13***

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Lock in combination with Mee. Dependent claims 7-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Applicant's disclosure in combination with Lock, Mee, and U.S. Patent No. 6,707,393 to Moore et al. ("Moore").

Claim 6 has been amended similarly to claim 1 and calls for the traffic light to be activated by an electrical current. Claim 6 has been further amended to clarify that the timing controller controls transmission of the recording signal to the camera based on the “actually on” period.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6 is allowable over the cited art for at least the reasons mentioned in the Amendment and Reply. Applicant submits that claims 7-13, which depend from claim 6, are allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons.

With respect to claim 8, Applicant’s disclosure, alone or in combination with Lock, Mee, and Moore, fails to disclose or suggest a detector adapted to detect at least one zero passage of an alternating current powering the red light.

#### ***Claims 14-15***

Claims 14-15 have been added to the application. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 14 and 15, which depend from claims 1 and 5 respectively, are allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons.

#### ***CONCLUSION***

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time or additional claims, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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